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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-78 (Canceled)

Claim 79 (Previously presented): A computer-implemented method for facilitating comprehensive and integrated classification, administration, and tracking of a company's capitalization structure, the method comprising:

initiating a capitalization structure affecting request using an input device by a person, wherein the capitalization structure affecting request is a requested change to the company's equity ownership structure, and the person includes an individual acting on behalf of the person or an entity;

automatically determining a vesting schedule particular for the person in response to the capitalization structure affecting request using an administration software in communication with the input device, wherein automatically determining the vesting schedule includes:

accessing company restrictions relating to the capitalization structure affecting request from a database in communication with the administration software;

accessing a record of the person relating to the capitalization structure affecting request from the database;

accessing governmental restrictions relating to the capitalization structure affecting request and the record from the database;

automatically uniquely classifying the capitalization structure affecting request with respect to the person based on the accessed company restrictions, accessed record, and accessed governmental restrictions using the administration software;

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wherein the automatically determined vesting schedule is the actual fulfillment of the capitalization structure affecting request;

automatically updating the record of the person stored at the database in accordance with the automatically determined vesting schedule; and

automatically updating the company's equity ownership structure stored at the database in accordance with the automatically determined vesting schedule, the company's equity ownership structure stored at the database representative of the company's complete equity ownership structure, including the ways the company is funded and the associated ownership by employees, investors, and lenders.

Claim 80 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the capitalization structure affecting request is at least one of exercise, transfer, purchase, sale, authorization, recapitalization, split, termination, tolling, cancellation, and conversion of a company security.

Claim 81 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the capitalization structure affecting request is a hypothetical "what-if" capitalization-affecting activity.

Claim 82 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, further comprising:

generating a report representative of the company's capitalization structure, at least a portion of a balance sheet, or at least a portion of a tax return from data stored in the database.

Claim 83 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 82, wherein generating a report includes generating a report representative of a present, revised, or hypothetical capitalization structure, at least a portion of a balance sheet, or at least a portion of a tax return.

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Claim 84 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the company restrictions include approval status of a board of directors for the company with regard to a capitalization structure of the company.

Claims 85-86 (Canceled)

Claim 87 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein initiating a capitalization structure affecting request includes interfacing with the administration software by at least one of the Internet or an area network.

Claim 88 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, further comprising interfacing with a transfer agent or equity plan administrator when the classified capitalization structure affecting request has been granted.

Claim 89 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the person is at least one of an employee, investor, and lender.

Claim 90 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein initiating a capitalization structure affecting request on behalf of a person includes initiating by at least one of a company agent, a company administrator, and an authorized agent.

Claims 91-94 (Canceled)

Claim 95 (Previously presented): A computerized system for integrated classification, administration, and tracking of a company's equity ownership structure, including identification of the equity owners and their respective rights of ownership, the system comprising:

a device configured to transmit a security transaction request from a user, wherein the security transaction request affects the company's equity ownership structure, and the user includes an individual acting on behalf of the user or an entity;

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a database comprising data relating to an equity ownership structure of a company, company restrictions relating to the security transaction request, a record regarding the user, and governmental restrictions relating to the security transaction request, the record regarding the user including data relating to an employment status of the user with the company and execution status of previous security transaction requests by the user;

a database administration software in communication with the database and the device;

wherein the equity ownership structure of the company stored in the database is representative of the company's complete equity ownership structure, including the ways the company is funded and the associated ownership by employees, investors, and lenders;

wherein the database administration software is configured to automatically calculate a unique vesting schedule for the user in response to the security transaction request in accordance with the company restrictions, record regarding the user, and governmental restrictions, wherein the unique vesting schedule is the actual fulfillment of the security transaction request, wherein the unique vesting schedule can differ from a vesting schedule for the same security transaction request made by a different user, on behalf of the different user, or at a different point in time, and wherein the equity ownership structure of the company stored in the database is automatically updated in accordance with the unique vesting schedule.

Claim 96 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the database administration software is further configured to automatically update the record regarding the user upon calculation of the vesting schedule.

Claim 97 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the device communicates with the database administration software via at least one of the Internet and a network.

Claim 98 (Canceled)

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Claim 99 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the user is selected from a group including an investor, lender, and employee.

Claim 100 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the user is limited in the types of permitted security transaction requests based on the user's position with the company and the user's authorized transactions.

Claim 101 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, further comprising a customized user interface in communication with the database administration software.

Claim 102 (Previously presented): The system of claim 101, wherein the customized user interface is configured to include a payment screen to pay and track payment particulars relating to the security transaction request.

Claim 103 (Canceled)

Claim 104 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the security transaction request relates to at least one of stock, restricted stock, stock purchase rights, options, warrants, convertible promissory notes, and other equity-based financial instruments.

Claim 105 (Canceled)

Claim 106 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the company restrictions include the company's board approvals regarding the company's securities.

Claim 107 (Canceled)

Claim 108 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the administration software is configured to generate a report including changes to the company's equity ownership structure from the security transaction request.

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Claim 109 (Previously presented): The system of claim 95, wherein the administration software is configured to provide a granted or pending status for the security transaction request.

Claims 110-111 (Canceled)

Claim 112 (Currently amended): A computer-implemented method for facilitating comprehensive and integrated classification, administration, and tracking of a company's capitalization structure, the method comprising:

initiating a capitalization structure affecting request using an input device by a person, wherein the capitalization structure affecting request is a requested change to the company's equity ownership structure excluding ownership from stock options, the person includes an individual acting on behalf of the person or an entity, and the person is at least one of an investor and lender;

automatically determining a vesting schedule particular for the person in response to the capitalization structure affecting request using an administration software in communication with the input device, wherein automatically determining the vesting schedule includes:

accessing company restrictions relating to the capitalization structure affecting request from a database in communication with the administration software;

accessing a record of the person relating to the capitalization structure affecting request from the database;

accessing governmental restrictions relating to the capitalization structure affecting request and the record from the database;

automatically uniquely classifying the capitalization structure affecting request with respect to the person based on the accessed company restrictions, accessed record, and accessed governmental restrictions using the administration software;

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schedule is the actual fulfillment of

wherein the automatically determined vesting schedule is the actual fulfillment of the capitalization structure affecting request;

automatically updating the record of the person stored at the database in accordance with the automatically determined vesting schedule; and

automatically updating the company's equity ownership structure stored at the database in accordance with the automatically determined vesting schedule.

Claim 113 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, wherein the capitalization structure affecting request is at least one of exercise, transfer, purchase, sale, authorization, recapitalization, split, termination, tolling, cancellation, and conversion of a company security.

Claim 114 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, wherein the capitalization structure affecting request is a hypothetical "what-if" capitalization-affecting activity.

Claim 115 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, further comprising:

generating a report representative of the company's capitalization structure, at least a portion of a balance sheet, or at least a portion of a tax return from data stored in the database.

Claim 116 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 115, wherein generating a report includes generating a report representative of a present, revised, or hypothetical capitalization structure, at least a portion of a balance sheet, or at least a portion of a tax return.

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Claim 117 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, wherein the company restrictions include approval status of a board of directors for the company with regard to a capitalization structure of the company.

Claim 118 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, wherein initiating a capitalization structure affecting request includes interfacing with the administration software by at least one of the Internet or an area network.

Claim 119 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, further comprising interfacing with a transfer agent or equity plan administrator when the classified capitalization structure affecting request has been granted.

Claim 120 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 112, wherein initiating a capitalization structure affecting request on behalf of a person includes initiating by at least one of a company agent, a company administrator, and an authorized agent.

Claim 121 (Currently amended): A computerized system for integrated classification, administration, and tracking of a company's equity ownership structure, including identification of the equity owners and their respective rights of ownership, the system comprising:

a device configured to transmit a security transaction request from a user, wherein the security transaction request affects the company's equity ownership structure, the security transaction request does not relate to stock options, the user includes an individual acting on behalf of the person or an entity, and the user is at least one of an investor and lender;

a database comprising data relating to an equity ownership structure of a company, company restrictions relating to the security transaction request, a record regarding the user, and governmental restrictions relating to the security transaction request, the record regarding the user including data relating to an employment status of the user with the company and execution status of previous security transaction requests by the user; and

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a database administration software in communication with the database and the device:

wherein the database administration software is configured to automatically calculate a unique vesting schedule for the user in response to the security transaction request in accordance with the company restrictions, record regarding the user, and governmental restrictions, wherein the unique vesting schedule is the actual fulfillment of the security transaction request, wherein the unique vesting schedule can differ from a vesting schedule for the same security transaction request made by a different user, on behalf of the different user, or at a different point in time, and wherein the equity ownership structure of the company stored in the database is automatically updated in accordance with the unique vesting schedule.

Claim 122 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the database administration software is further configured to automatically update the record regarding the user upon calculation of the vesting schedule.

Claim 123 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the device communicates with the database administration software via at least one of the Internet and a network.

Claim 124 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the user is limited in the types of permitted security transaction requests based on the user's position with the company and the user's authorized transactions.

Claim 125 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, further comprising a customized user interface in communication with the database administration software.

Claim 126 (Previously presented): The system of claim 125, wherein the customized user interface is configured to include a payment screen to pay and track payment particulars relating to the security transaction request.

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Claim 127 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the security transaction request relates to at least one of stock, restricted stock, stock purchase rights, options, warrants, convertible promissory notes, and other equity-based financial instruments.

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Claim 128 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the company restrictions include the company's board approvals regarding the company's securities.

Claim 129 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the administration software is configured to generate a report including changes to the company's equity ownership structure from the security transaction request.

Claim 130 (Previously presented): The system of claim 121, wherein the administration software is configured to provide a granted or pending status for the security transaction request.